

**Trooper Law Enforcement Equipment****FY2003 Request: \$400,000**  
**Reference No: 32261****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Equipment**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Kenneth E. Bischoff**Election District:** Statewide**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4336**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2004**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Purchase of new and replacement equipment for the use of State Trooper personnel throughout the state. The Division of Alaska State Troopers historically has relied upon CIP funding for these types of replacement items due to a lack of replacement equipment funding in the AST operating budget.

**Funding:**

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Gen Fund	\$400,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000		\$4,000,000
Total:	\$400,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$4,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

\$250,000 Sec 1, Ch 61, SLA 2001, page 23, lines 23 -23

\$350,000 Sec 1, Ch 135, SLA 2000, page 18, line 24

\$175,000 Sec 100, Ch 2, SLA 1999,

\$353,500 Sec 131, Ch 139, SLA 1998

\$400,000 Sec 82, Ch 100, SLA 1997

\$175,000 Sec 100, Ch 123, SLA 1996

\$34,000 Sec 135, Ch 103, SLA 1995

\$200,000 Sec 10, Ch 4, SLA 1994

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project funds the replacement of law enforcement equipment.

**PROJECTED NEED STATEMENT**

This project is needed to provide the primary law enforcement organization in the state with modern basic law enforcement equipment necessary for State Troopers to provide service to the public. This equipment regularly is in need of replacement because of constant use and normal wear and tear. Much of the equipment is needed to assist in criminal prosecutions. These actions often depend upon the quality of evidence presented during trial and this often depends upon adequate equipment being available. Successful prosecutions based upon quality of evidentiary matter often save time for DPS, DOL and the Court System, which translates to lower costs or contained cost increases that would otherwise negatively affect the Criminal Justice System.

This project will provide funding for the following:

- Hostage/Crisis Negotiation Console \$19,500

This new acquisition will not only allow surreptitious audio monitoring of the suspect(s) but also surreptitious video monitoring. AST currently has one console that is used statewide.

- VHF Radio Base Station and Antennae in Klawock. \$5,000

This will allow the Troopers on Prince of Wales Island to communicate with one another while coordinating emergency responses.

- Trooper Post Workstations / Furniture \$83,930

State Trooper Posts are the first points of contact for the public. Many of the posts have aged worn, surplus furniture that does not present a professional appearance. This request will replace furniture in the Big Lake, Talkeetna, Palmer, Nome and Fairbanks posts.

- Methamphetamine Lab Portable Decontamination Facilities \$50,000

With the increased awareness of the problem of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories, there is a need for Investigators to respond and dismantle, seize evidence and eradicate highly dangerous chemicals and hazardous waste. Decontamination of responding personnel is required at the site of each lab investigation. There are several portable decontamination facilities available on the market which house showers, eye washing areas, and a changing area. The interiors of these facilities contain materials that are resistant to chemicals and allow team members to enter at one end and be completely decontaminated as they reach the opposite end. This equipment will be used in Fairbanks, Mat-Su Valley and Soldotna.

- Western Alaska Computer Replacement \$64,470

Purchase up-to-date computers for Troopers in Western Alaska to improve efficiency. Replace outdated and marginally functional computer equipment that is time and labor intensive to operate, and maintain. Functioning laptop computers will allow Troopers to travel more frequently to outlying areas while continuing to draft police reports notes and criminal complaints as well as sending and receiving electronic messages. This request will allow us to purchase up to thirty laptop computers for delivery throughout western Alaska.

- Criminal Investigation Bureau Computer Replacement \$20,000

Computers, modern police investigative methods and programs require the use of top of the line computers with current technological capabilities. The Criminal Investigation Bureaus (CIB) computers are reaching the end of their productive lives as new technologies are created. In order to insure total system compatibility, CIB plans to upgrade its computers detachment wide for all investigators and half of the clerical support members. This effort will be done by phases with

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ten being purchased with this request. These upgrades will allow the integrated use of digital cameras, digital video cameras, electronic movement and manipulation of data, as well as overall enhanced computer capabilities. Laptop computers provide increased flexibility as they can be transported to crime scenes and transmit / store large amounts of data.

- Division Operations Computer Replacement \$9,000  
  
Replace three computers and printers for the Division Operation staff. These computers are several years old and have frequent crashes, which results in downtime for the organization.
- SERT Equipment – Sub-machine Gun \$8,100  
  
FN Herstal P90 5.7x28mm sub-machine gun with visible laser sight. These weapons have been tested by AST SERT and found to be reliable, compact and accurate. They make an excellent secondary weapon for snipers to transition into perimeter or entry roles. Nine units are requested with three designated for each team in Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna.
- Recruitment Video / Production Equipment \$5,000  
  
Audio room recording equipment to enable the Information Officer to produce high quality Public Service Announcements, media advisories and recorded interviews, and then post them on the AST web site. Purchase a Music Library for audio and video production that will be used to upgrade existing material.
- Laser Tec Ultra Light Measuring Device \$37,500  
  
These five devices will be used to accurately measure accident scenes so that serious accidents can be appropriately investigated.
- Taser Guns \$75,000  
  
Taser guns will continue the AST effort to institute less lethal force options when Troopers are confronted with violent offenders. The taser's are designed to incapacitate offenders and lessen the risk of serious injuries to Troopers and offenders. This request will purchase 150 tasers @ \$500 each.
- Digital Cameras \$22,500  
  
This request is part of the ongoing replacement of cameras for field Troopers to allow them to document evidentiary items and motor vehicle accidents 90 cameras @ \$250.

The funding requested for FY03 through FY07 will address the continuing yearly replacement of various equipment as the items reach the end of their useful life.

### DOCUMENTATION OF ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

Cost estimates are based upon contacts with local vendors and existing awards.

### ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS

No increases are anticipated to result from the acquisition of these predominately replacement items. Conversely, if this equipment is not obtained, repair and maintenance costs will escalate.

### IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

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1. Continue to use the current equipment that is on-hand. This will result in less effective use of limited manpower that is available and may result in unsafe situations for State Troopers and the public when communication and other equipment fails, criminal cases are lost or response to calls for assistance from the public are delayed.

2. Lease the equipment - The AST operating budget can not sustain lease payments for equipment without substantial impact upon its existing staffing level.

### **IMPACT OF NOT RECEIVING THIS REQUEST**

This is an annual capital improvement project (CIP) which established funding for procurement of equipment needed to effectively perform the law enforcement function of the Alaska State Troopers. Without annual equipment replacement, the goal of protecting life and property of the public through an effective and efficient law enforcement organization can not be carried out. In effective law enforcement, it is crucial to have operational equipment, which is readily available for the Trooper's use. If not, the life of the Trooper or the citizens and their property that he or she is sworn to protect may be in jeopardy. No alternative funding exists for this project.